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16 July 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT: Special Mission Instructions

Instructions and authority in connection with travel on OPC Mission to England and France commencing July 16, 1949 are as follows:

1. In company with [] you will proceed to London where you will be in overt special contact with [] [] for such time as is necessary to complete these tasks:

a. To assist and advise [] in all phases of his activities relative to the execution of operation BGFRIEND.

b. To prepare an appreciation of BGFRIEND with special attention to the following points:

(1) Fidelity of operational pattern to broad objectives, political intentions, and government security.

(2) Operational security evaluation and estimate of security potentials.

(3) Proposed masking, deflection and counter disaster action.

c. To have such contact with MI-6 persons as is necessary to Paragraph B and to conversations on the subject of operational deception as follows:

(1) You will identify yourself as the OPC person responsible for directing BGFRIEND deception support specifically and generally for all OPC overseas activities. In the course of conversation you will be guided by the restrictions on OPC activity in the deception field. You will make clear to the British your concern with the principles of deflection and masking, in contrast to the spirit of strategic deception as employed by policy and executive authorities in support of military, political and counter espionage operations between 1941 and 1946. Mindful of the responsibilities of other government agencies in the deception field and of the post-war OSO-British history in this field, you will take into

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consideration the British desire for association with U.S. activities through the medium of combined deception and will take care to disabuse them of any inclination to regard your mission as a coincidental overture to policy or intelligence collaboration inherent in the term "deception". In order to avoid commitment of the OSO responsibility of counter espionage channels and means you may, if the question of such channels is introduced, indicate doubt as to the usefulness of such channels in support of operations having RGFIED wise possibilities of compromise. At the same time you will endeavor to receive in this connection such information as may be of interest to OSO. You are authorized to consult on this subject with the OSO representative. However, he will not participate in any official or informal discussions which might imply his concern. You are authorized to recommend to Washington Headquarters immediate action in support of security, including deception. In this regard you may entertain any immediate proposals on general policy put forward by the British.

d. In addition, you will review with [] cover problems in connection with RGFIED and outline specific covers for individuals and groups proposed.

2. Upon completion of the above assignment you will proceed to Paris and deliver to Ambassador Bruce the ADPC's letter on the assignment of []. You may discuss all matters relevant to this and will recommend specifically a plan for the assignment of OPC semi-covert personnel and, in general, you will be prepared to recommend a theory of []. It is particularly desired that such proposals eliminate possible compromise which has its source in frequent reorganization and improvisation.

Through your past professional collaboration and actual social contacts with certain past and present members of the French intelligence services you are to collect such appreciations of those persons using OIT Enforcement cover as may be of value to OPC operations.

3. In addition, you are to be prepared to make recommendations as to the deep cover possibilities in France.

4. You are authorized to contact [] Consulate General, Zurich, with a view to possible OPC recruitment dependent on investigation findings.

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